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The minutes of the April 27, 2004 meeting were approved with the following change to paragraph 1: Marc Marotta ~~It was~~ stated that Focus on Energy has achieved many of its goals over the last three years and should continue to be an administrator.

After discussion the following deadlines were set for the Task Force:

- 6/1/04: Workgroup chairs provide summaries to Task Force chair to be used as notice for 6/15/04 public hearing
- 6/15/04: Task Force meeting and all day public hearing
- 7/9/04: Workgroups forward proposed final reports to Task Force
- 7/20/04: All day decisional meeting of Task Force
- 7/30/04: Circulate outline of Task Force report
- August: Use month of August to produce final Task Force report
- 9/21/04: Task Force meeting to review final report

Susan Stratton of the Energy Center of Wisconsin reported to the Task Force on the Energy Potential Study Workgroup which will have its first meeting on June 7, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Energy Center office. Members of that workgroup include: George Edgar, Chuck McGinnis, Ilze Rukis, Phyllis Dube, Brian Zelenak, Carol Stemrich, Paul Helgeson and Jill Osterholz. At the June 7th meeting, a scope and budget for the study will be developed. This will be presented to the Administrative Model Workgroup for approval. Customer-owned renewables may also be included in this study. It was noted that this workgroup will need to comply with Open Meetings practices by posting agendas in advance and

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drafting minutes. These records are to be posted on the Governor's website for the Task Force.

Mark Williamson of the American Transmission Company stated that ATC has an internal group examining infrastructure needs to better access renewable energy, particularly wind. Scott Barnhart of ATC will make a presentation at the June 15, 2004 Governor's Task Force meeting regarding this issue.

Workgroup reports are as follows:

Administrative Model and Funding for Energy Efficiency

The workgroup is discussing straw proposals regarding possible frameworks for the Public Benefits programs. Issues currently under discussion include: the utilities' role, accountability, and the current process for measurement and evaluation. The next workgroup meeting is June 4, 2004 from 1-2:30 p.m. at WECC.

Other Statutory and Regulatory Initiatives

Changes to SB 554/AB 977, legislation to increase state purchases of renewable energy, are being addressed. A markup of the bill will be circulated to the Task Force. At recent meeting, invited DATCP's participation to discuss rural energy initiatives. Topics discussed included: the state's position on ethanol production, the 2007 Congressional Farm Bill, manure digester model ordinances, and the creation of a rural financing authority. The next workgroup meeting is June 8, 2004 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Cullen Weston Pines & Bach LLP.

Renewables

Workgroup is discussing three renewable proposals and working to develop common areas of understanding. A matrix has been developed that identifies areas of agreement and outstanding questions; the workgroup will continue to work from this matrix. The workgroup will also continue to review the model wind siting ordinance per Sen. Cowles' request. A model ordinance and guidance document has been developed and will be shared with the workgroup. The next meeting date is May 24, 2004 from 1-4 p.m. at Xcel's office in Madison.

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The workgroup is reviewing information from Senator Risser, DOA and the State Environmental Leadership Program. The next meeting of the workgroup is May 25, 2004 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at DOA.

Another workgroup was formed to discuss utility compliance with the Energy Priority Statute and its applicability to ATC as a transmission-only company. The workgroup consists of Brian Rude, Mark Williamson, George Edgar, Michael Vickerman, Larry Salustro, Keith Reopelle, and Don Reck (or designees). Meeting dates are yet to be determined.

There was discussion regarding the need for a public hearing to solicit input on Task Force proposals. It was decided to schedule a public hearing for the entire Task Force rather than any individual workgroups, and to have the hearing early in the process so public input is meaningful. Workgroup chairs are asked to summarize in a memo key points of current proposals and forward it to the Task Force chair by June 1, 2004 in preparation for the public hearing. These summaries will be issued with the notice for the public hearing. The hearing will be publicized on the Task Force website and comments will be solicited through the website. It is anticipated that the hearing will be set up with a network connection so people outside of Madison can call in to testify.

There was discussion regarding the format of the report. Consensus proposals or creative policy initiatives are preferred, keeping in mind that the mission of the Task Force is to advise the Governor on how “to restore Wisconsin as a leader in energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.” If a consensus cannot be reached on an issue, then a range of initiatives should be provided for the unresolved issue. Workgroups are encouraged to incorporate differences into the majority report through options and alternatives rather than using minority reports.

The public hearing will take place on June 15, 2004 commencing at 9:30 a.m. in Room 411S of the Capitol. This will directly follow the next Task Force meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on June 15, 2004 in Room 411S of the Capitol.